

Lieutenant General Nasier A. Abadi

Deputy Chief of Staff, Iraqi Joint Forces

LTG Nasier A. Abadi is the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Iraqi Joint Forces. He oversees the operation of the headquarters joint staff in order to ensure that current and future military operations are well planned and supported. He also provides advice to the Chief of Staff of the Joint Forces and the civilian leadership of the government of Iraq in developing and implementing the national security and military strategies. LTG Abadi was recalled to military service in September 2003 as a senior advisor providing assistance and leadership during the formation and development of the new Iraqi Joint Forces.



LTG Abadi's previous assignments include command of three combat squadrons and an air combat wing. He also served as Chief of Staff of the Air Force Research and Development Directorate where he was responsible for improving electronic countermeasures, navigation systems and integrating other technological advancements into the aircraft fleet. Because of his experience and tactical expertise he was selected to serve as Chief, Air Force Examiner and conducted readiness assessments and inspections at Air Force installations throughout Iraq. During his career, LTG Abadi has been assigned responsibility for numerous complex air combat operations involving multiple types of aircraft and air combat controllers. He also developed doctrine and techniques for close air support and air-to-air combat.

LTG Abadi completed his basic pilot training in India, finishing first in his class and was awarded the Majender trophy from India and the Air Force Medal from Iraq. He completed weapons training in the United Kingdom where he achieved the highest academic score in his class. LTG Abadi was awarded the bravery medal for his superior service during the Iran war which included coordinating and conducting successful air combat operations. An experienced instructor pilot, he has over 4,200 hours operating more than 50 types of aircraft. He retired from active service in the previous Armed Forces in 1992 at the grade of major general.

LTG Abadi studied English Literature in university and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Hikma/Mustansria College in Baghdad. LTG Abadi's military education includes graduation from the Flight Leaders' Course, the Squadron Leaders' Course, the Iraqi Air Force Staff College and the Iraqi Staff College. He is a qualified instructor pilot, combat pilot and weapons instructor, and he is fluent in English.

He and his wife, Anisah Shubber, have four grown children. LTG Abadi enjoys tennis, swimming and reading.